



*“SERVING OHIO’S SENIORS”*

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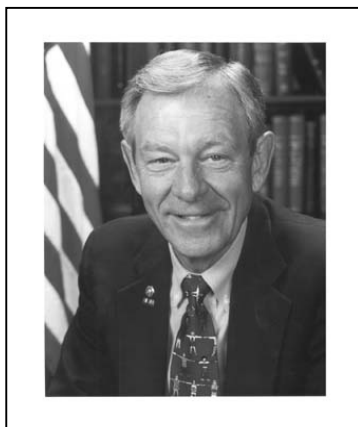
### **Prescription Drug Assistance Programs**



**Information about prescription drug assistance for Ohioans**

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Dear Fellow Ohioan,

I know from my own experiences the challenges seniors face in Ohio.

Like many of you, I am concerned about the cost of prescription drugs; however, there are resources available to help.

This document provides information to help you and your family gain better access to the prescription drugs you need.

Great strides were made for Ohio's seniors when I was governor, and I am committed to continuing to work in the U.S. Senate to make seniors' lives better. I am honored that you have entrusted me with the responsibility to shape legislation that will not only affect you and me, but tomorrow's seniors as well. Please feel free to contact me about these or any other subjects that may concern you.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich  
United States Senator

My staff and I are ready to serve you at any of the following addresses and phone numbers:

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## Information about prescription drug assistance for Ohioans

### If you cannot afford your prescription medications...

**Most drug manufacturers offer a limited supply of free prescription medication to eligible low-income patients.** These Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs) have different application forms and eligibility requirements. For more information about PAPs, contact your doctor, pharmacist, or the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), which represents the country's leading research-based pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, at (800) 762-4636 or visit: [www.phrma.org](http://www.phrma.org). \*If you do not have Internet access, most public libraries have computers available for use at no charge.

For additional information about prescription drug assistance, visit the following:

**[www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org)**

This site provides individuals 55 years of age and older with a confidential, personalized report of public and private programs that can help reduce your prescription drug expenses. If you do not have access to the Internet, this information may be obtained by contacting the Ohio Department of Aging, Elder Rights Division at, (800) 282-1206.

**[www.helpingpatients.org](http://www.helpingpatients.org)**

An interactive site maintained by PhRMA and its member companies. This site is designed to help you navigate through and find the most helpful PAPs.

**[www.medicare.gov/Prescription/Home.asp](http://www.medicare.gov/Prescription/Home.asp)**

The official U.S. Government website for Medicare. This site provides information on public and private programs that offer discounted or free medication, programs that provide assistance with other health care costs, and Medicare health plans that include prescription coverage. To contact Medicare via telephone, call (800) MEDICARE (633-4227.)

**[www.RxAssist.org](http://www.RxAssist.org)**

This site allows you to search for PAPs by company, brand name, generic name and drug class. Eligibility information and applications are also available.

**[RxForOhio](http://www.RxForOhio.org)**

RxForOhio was created to assist Ohioans locate PAPs. For information, call (877) RX-4-OHIO or visit [www.RxForOhio.org](http://www.RxForOhio.org).

**[Preferred Rx of Ohio](http://www.preferredrx.com)**

Offers drug discounts for individuals and all household dependants. Call (800) 843- 7038 or visit [www.preferredrx.com](http://www.preferredrx.com).

### For assistance filling out PAP applications...

**Applications for Patient Assistance Programs are free** if you contact the manufacturer directly or access them through the Internet. However, there are programs that will assist you in obtaining, completing and submitting the applications, for a fee. Some of these programs are:

**[The Medicine Program](http://www.themedicineprogram.com)**

(573) 996-7300

[www.themedicineprogram.com](http://www.themedicineprogram.com)

**[The Patient Assistance Network](http://www.patientassistance.org)**

(202) 595-1038

**[We Care Medical Mall](http://www.wecaremedicalmall.org)**

(800) 380-MEDS (6337)

[www.wecaremedicalmall.org](http://www.wecaremedicalmall.org)

**If you are eligible for Medicare (Aged 65 or older or disabled)**

Several drug manufacturers offer discount drug cards for Medicare-eligible individuals. A reference table describing the largest discount drug programs is included at the end of this brochure.

Additionally, you may want to contact your local **Area Agency on Aging** about community-based assistance programs. For your local office, please contact the Ohio Department of Aging at, (800) 282-1206 or visit: [www.goldenbuckeye.com](http://www.goldenbuckeye.com).

**If you or a member of your family is a veteran or member of the armed services...**

Contact the **Veteran's Administration** at, (877) 222-VETS (8387) or visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

For information about the **National Mail Order Pharmacy Program**, available to active and retired military and their families, and to locate a number for your local office, visit: [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

## Group Discount Programs

**If you can afford to pay for a portion of your medications, these organizations offer prescription drug plans at a nominal fee...**

<b><u>AARP</u></b> (800) 541-7777 <a href="http://www.aarp.org">www.aarp.org</a>	<b><u>Advance Rx</u></b> (800) 238-2623 <a href="http://www.advancerox.com">www.advancerox.com</a>	<b><u>Ameriplan</u></b> (972) 792-2700 <a href="http://www.nationwidebenefits.com">www.nationwidebenefits.com</a>	<b><u>CVS</u></b> (888) 700-7662 <a href="http://www.cvs.com">www.cvs.com</a>
<b><u>Drugplace.com</u></b> (800) 881-6325 <a href="http://www.drugplace.com">www.drugplace.com</a>	<b><u>Drugstore.com</u></b> (800) 378-4786 <a href="http://www.drugstore.com">www.drugstore.com</a>	<b><u>ExpressScripts.com</u></b> (800) 241-6586 <a href="http://www.expressscripts.com">www.expressscripts.com</a>	<b><u>Immediate Pharmacy Service</u></b> (800) 233-3872
<b><u>MatureRx.com</u></b> (800) 511-1314 <a href="http://www.maturerx.com">www.maturerx.com</a>	<b><u>Medical Mutual</u></b> (800) 474-2583 <a href="http://www.savewell.com">www.savewell.com</a>	<b><u>Members Advantage</u></b> (800) 613-4841 <a href="http://www.membersadvantage.net">www.membersadvantage.net</a>	<b><u>Nonprofit Warehouse</u></b> (770) 541-7777 <a href="http://www.nonprofitwarehouse.com">www.nonprofitwarehouse.com</a>
<b><u>Peoples Benefit Service</u></b> (800) 667-6914	<b><u>RxHope.com</u></b> (877) 979-4673 <a href="http://www.rxhope.com">www.rxhope.com</a>	<b><u>RxSaver.com</u></b> (888) 299-5383 <a href="http://www.rxsaver.com">www.rxsaver.com</a>	<b><u>RxUniverse.com</u></b> (800) 794-6490 <a href="http://www.rxuniverse.com">www.rxuniverse.com</a>
<b><u>Share Pharmacy</u></b> (800) 542-1110	<b><u>U.S. Medication</u></b> (877) 624-5879 <a href="http://www.usmedication.com">www.usmedication.com</a>	<b><u>U.S. Pharmaceutical Group</u></b> (800) 977-9655 <a href="http://www.uspgi.com">www.uspgi.com</a>	<b><u>Yourplan.com</u></b> (877) 733-6765 <a href="http://www.yourplan.com">www.yourplan.com</a>

**Additional  
Resources**

- Community health centers, county commissions, public hospitals, public health departments and private, nonprofit hospitals may also have helpful information. For the nearest community health center contact, (888) ASK-HRSA (275-4772.)
- Your doctor and/or pharmacist may also have helpful information.
- If you have a specific disease, national organizations advocating for individuals with your condition may also be a valuable source of information.
- You may qualify for Medicaid. To inquire about your eligibility to participate in Medicaid, contact your county department of Job and Family Services or the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, Office of Medicaid at (800) 324-8680 or visit: [www.state.oh.us/odjfs](http://www.state.oh.us/odjfs).

## Prescription Drug Discount Cards for Low-income Seniors

<b>GlaxoSmithKline</b>	<b>Novartis</b>	<b>Pfizer</b>	<b>Lilly</b>	<b>Together Rx</b> (Abbott Laboratories, AstraZeneca, Aventis, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson and Novartis)
<b>NAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<i>Orange Card</i>	<i>CareCard</i>	<i>Share Card</i>	<i>LillyAnswers Card</i>	<i>Together Rx</i>
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>
Seniors age 65+ and disabled persons enrolled in Medicare  Annual income under \$30,000 single/ \$40,000 couple  Must not have public or private insurance coverage for prescription medicines	Medicare eligible  Annual income under \$28,000 single/ \$38,000 couple  Must not have public or private health insurance coverage for prescription medicines	Seniors age 65+ or a Medicare enrollee  Annual income under \$18,000 single/ \$24,000 couple  Must not have public or private insurance coverage for prescription medicines	Medicare eligible  Annual income below \$18,000 single/ \$24,000 households  Must not have public or private insurance coverage for prescription medicines	Medicare enrollee  Annual income below \$28,000 single/ \$38,000 couple  Must not have public or private insurance coverage for prescription medicines
<b>DISCOUNTS/FEES</b>	<b>DISCOUNTS/FEES</b>	<b>DISCOUNTS/FEES</b>	<b>DISCOUNTS/FEES</b>	<b>DISCOUNTS/FEES</b>
Discounts are 25 percent off the wholesale list price of GSK outpatient drugs  Participating pharmacies charge card holders no more than a negotiated price  GSK expects card holders to realize average savings of 30-40 percent off retail prices	Discounts are 25 percent off the wholesale list price of Novartis outpatient drugs  Participating pharmacies charge card holders no more than a negotiated price  Novartis expects card holders to realize average savings of 30-40 percent off retail prices	Patients pay a \$15 fee for each 30-day supply of a Pfizer prescription medication at participating pharmacies	Patients pay \$12 for a 30-day supply of any Lilly prescription medication at participating pharmacies	Anticipated savings are approximately 20-40 percent off retail prices. Each company sets its own level of savings independently with a minimum discount of 15 percent off its list price to wholesalers. Actual consumer savings will vary depending on the pharmacy's customary pricing for the specific drug
<b>COVERED DRUGS</b>	<b>COVERED DRUGS</b>	<b>COVERED DRUGS</b>	<b>COVERED DRUGS</b>	<b>COVERED DRUGS</b>
All GSK outpatient prescription drugs	All Novartis outpatient prescription drugs	All Pfizer outpatient prescription drugs	All Lilly outpatient prescription drugs	Together Rx maintains a list of more than 150 covered drugs
<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
(888) ORANGE-6	(866) 974-CARE	(800) 717-6005	(877) RX-LILLY	(800) 865-7211